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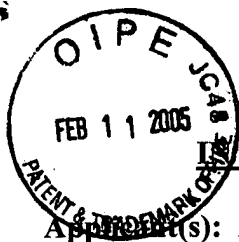
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The references were cited in an International Search Report dated November 28, 2002 and an International Preliminary Examination Report dated January 12, 2004. Applicants are submitting copies of Reference Numbers 2 and 8, together with copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report and Search Report. Copies of Reference Numbers 1 and 3-7 are not provided as these references were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 29, 2004.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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